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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - HAITI: ELECTIONS

11. On February 8, in "Chilevisisn's" prime-time newscast,
international analyst Raul Sohr said:

12. "The number of people who went to vote in Haiti was a surprise
for all the world...this is a great victory for the United Nations,
that organized the process... Ren Preval seems to have won the
elections... In Haiti things change to remain the same, since Preval
was Jean Bertrand Aristide's former mentor...Chile has a tremendous
commitment in Haiti. In June, Chile's Congress must re-evaluate the
presence of its peacekeeping forces in that country. It seems to me
it would be a great mistake to remain indefinitely in Haiti.... In
December alone, there were more than 300 kidnappings.... If they
want to control their future, Haitians must learn to regulate their
own police and their own institutions.... The only thing the
continued presence of the UN does is to support the permanent
'assistencialism' to which Haitians have been accustomed for so
long."

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